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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EXTRA CARGO SECTIONS

REF: (A) ROME 3058; (B) STATE 38259

- 1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED BY PAA THAT ALITALIA HAS JUST BEEN DENIED PERMISSION BY US CIVAIR AUTHORITIES TO OPERATE EXTRA CARGO SECTION ROME-NEW YORK APRIL 6 AND WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT, IN FUTURE, 30 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EXTRA CARGO SECTION REQUESTS.
- 2. ALTHOUGH NEITHER MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOR CIVILAVIA HAS RESPONDED TO EMBASSY'S MARCH 4 NOTE VERBALE (REF A), SINCE THEN CIVILAVIA HAS GRANTED ROUTINE APPROVAL TO SEVERAL PAA REQUESTS FOR EXTRA CARGO SECTIONS. US AUTHORITIES ACTION ON ALITALIA REQUEST COULD UPSET CURRENT FAVORABLE CIVILAVIA PRACTICE.
- 3. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT APPROVAL
 BE GRANTED FOR ABOVE EXTRA ALITALIA ROME-NEW YORK CARGO
 SECTION AND THAT 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENT BE REPLACED
 BY 48 OR 72 HOUR REQUIREMENT. CIVILAVIA WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ADOPT
 IDENTICAL POSTURE TOWARDS US CARRIERS. EMBASSY WOULD NOT LIKE
 TO SEE OPERATIONS OF US CARRIERS HAMPERED BY UNDULY RESTRICTIVE
 REOUIREMENTS.

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4. ALITALIA REP LECCESE TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 4 THAT ALITALIA HAS INFORMED CIVILAVIA IT HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO PAA, TWA AND SEABOARD EXTRA CARGO SECTIONS PROVIDED THAT ALITALIA RECEIVES EQUAL TREATMENT FROM US CIVAIR AUTHORITIES.

5. COMMENT: USG HAS MADE ITS POINT RE RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FOR EXTRA CARGO SECTION AND ALITALIA GOT THE MESSAGE. LEST AN ARRANGEMENT MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS TO BOTH US CARRIERS AND ALITALIA BE UPSET, IT IS TIME TO REPLACE THE STICK WITH A CARROT.

6. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY SOONEST IF ABOVE ARRANGEMENT SATISFACTORY TO DEPARTMENT AND US CIVAIR AUTHORITIES AND WHETHER APRIL 6 ALITALIA EXTRA CARGO SECTION APPROVED. VOLPE

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